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Proceedings of the Torrey Club.—The regular meeting of the Club was held at Columbia College, Tuesday evening, February 13th—the President in the chair and forty-two persons present.

The following Committees were appointed for the present year :

Finance Committee.—Addison Brown, John L. Wall and Lawrence Johnson.

Committee on Admission of Members.—W. R. Gerard and Benjamin Braman.

Herbarium and Library Committee.—N. L. Britton, Elizabeth G. Knight, Arthur Hollick and P. V. Le Roy.

Miss Knight exhibited specimens of *Limnanthemum lacunosum*, Griseb., having large, pellucid, submerged leaves.

A communication was read from Dr. R. J. Southworth, of Yonkers, in which the writer offered his herbarium to the Club. On motion, the gift was accepted, and the Secretary instructed to return the Club's thanks therefor.

Dr. J. S. Newberry delivered an interesting and instructive address upon the "Botany of the Arid Regions of Northern Mexico and Southern United States," which was illustrated by lantern slide views of the localities and objects mentioned in the course of his remarks.

At the regular meeting of the Club on Tuesday evening, March 13th, the chair, in the absence of the presiding officers, was occupied by Mr. Braman. There were thirty persons present.

Dr. Kunzé showed a specimen of *Casteria pulchra*, exhibiting an abnormal mode of growth ; *Mamillaria stellaris*, in flower and fruit ; and fruit of *Cereus serpentinus*, a cactus which is not known to have hitherto perfected its fruit in the United States. The flower was fertilized with pollen a year old taken from *Cereus Macdonaldiae*. Dr. Kunzé stated that some of these night-blooming *Cerei* sometimes flower in the day-time, an occurrence probably due to a fall in the temperature.

Mr. Chamberlain read a paper on the algæ of New York Harbor and vicinity, illustrating it with a collection of mounted specimens.

Mr. Schrenk, referring to a note on tuckahoe in the BULLETIN for October, 1882, remarked that he had, contrary to a statement made therein, discovered cellular structure in the object, and exhibited mounted sections under the microscope which plainly showed this.

Mr. Britton, referring to an article in the BULLETIN for May, 1873, on the movement of pollen-grains in the calla, exhibited mounted specimens of the pollen under the microscope.

Four persons were elected active members, one person was elected a corresponding member, and four names were proposed for membership.

The Syracuse Botanical Club.—At the Annual Meeting of the Syracuse Botanical Club, March 19th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Lillie Barnes; Vice-President, Mrs. Nellie Goodrich; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Hotchkiss; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs H. S. Gifford; Treasurer, Miss Hattie Leach.